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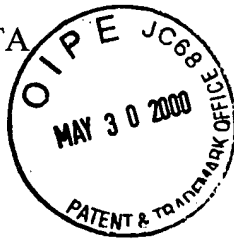
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For : IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS AND TRANSMISSION METHOD
USING THE SAME



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Examiner:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97-1.98,
Applicant hereby calls the following materials to the Examiner's attention.

The following materials were cited by the Examiner during the prosecution of parent
Application No. 09/049,144:

U.S. Patent No. 5,357,350, to MATSUNAI, issued on October 18, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 5,748,337, to MINAMIZAWA, issued on May 5, 1998; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,778,163, to TERAJIMA, issued on July 7, 1998.

The following materials were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed
November 19, 1998 in parent Application No. 09/049,144:

U.S. Patent No. 5,357,350, to MATSUNAI, issued on October 18, 1994;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,070,467, to TODOME, issued on December 3, 1991;

European Patent No. 06-56721, issued on June 7, 1995; and

European Patent No. 02-90963, issued on November 17, 1988.

Copies of the above patent documents have been filed in or are available in Parent Application No. 09/049,144, from which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120, which complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d) regarding the copies. Thus, copies of these documents are not enclosed. However, Applicant will supply additional copies to the Examiner if deemed necessary.

The following pending application was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 29, 1998 in parent Application No. 09/049,144:

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/930,609 to K. SAITO et al., filed on October 14, 1997.

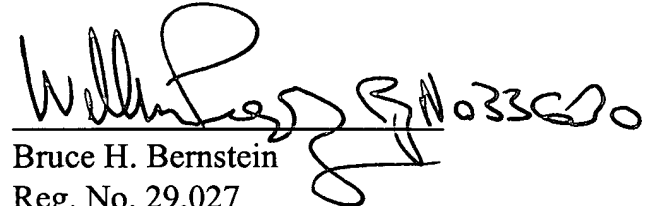
This application remains pending in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above patent documents. Copies of the above-noted patent documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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